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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

To The Honorable Commissioner For Patents:

A telephone interview among Examiner Leung and Applicants' attorneys Mr. Salvatore Sidoti and Mr. Stephen Presutti occurred on August 22, 2007.

During the telephone interview, the parties discussed the Office Action mailed on January 17, 2007.

The parties also discussed claims 1, 12 and 47.

The parties further discussed Robinson et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,580,532), Sasaki et al (JP 7-286514), Johnson et al(GB 1,481,133), and Miyahara et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,159,205).

Messrs. Sidoti and Presutti advised Examiner Leung that Sasaki et al. expressly teach away from the use of ceramic fibers having alumina/silica weight percent ratios within the range of 70/30 to 74/26. Because Sasaki et al. expressly insists that the fiber "must" have the above-described alumina/silica composition, this composition is not simply "preferred", it is critical to Sasaki et al.

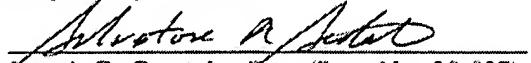
Mr. Sidoti also argued that Miyahara et al. teach the use of an expensive sol gel fiber-forming process.

The Examiner agreed to consider the above arguments.

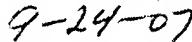
No other matters were discussed.

Should there be any questions, Applicants' undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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